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DESCRIPTION OF A NEW *DRYONASTES* FROM CHINA.

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In a small lot of birds collected by Arthur de C. Sowerby in the provinces of Shansi and Shensi, China, there is a single specimen resembling *Dryonastes perspicillatus* but paler throughout and in my opinion represents a recognizable geographical race. It may be known from the following description:

Dryonastes perspicillatus shensiensis subsp. nov.

Type, No. 212,067, Collection of the U. S. National Museum. Adult male. Fifteen miles south of Si-an-fu, Shensi, China, 1,500 feet altitude, February 28, 1909. Collected by Arthur de C. Sowerby.

Subspecific characters.—Similar to *Dryonastes p. perspicillatus* GMELIN of south and south-east China, but much paler both above and below and with the feathers of the throat and neck with a mere indication of a dark shaft-streak.

Description.—Forehead, supra-orbital, lores, and auriculars, black, forming a mask; crown, cervix, and occiput smoke gray, deepening into brownish on the upper back, all the feathers with very narrow edgings and indistinct shaft-streaks of hair brown; back and rump broccoli brown; upper tail-coverts isabella color; throat, jugulum, and sides of neck, smoke gray, the feathers of the throat and jugulum with hardly perceptible dusky shaft-streaks; breast, abdomen, and wing-lining, pinkish buff; thighs buff; crissum ochraceous; carpo-metacarpal bordered with clove brown; wings externally color of the back; the primaries and secondaries blackish on the inner web and then edged with buffy towards the base of the feathers; tail wood brown, all the feathers broadly tipped with black, except the middle pair, the black increasing towards the outer pair where it occupies about half the feather and extends some distance up the outer web. Wing, 134; tail, 155; culmen, 25.5; tarsus, 41.5; middle toe, 25.5 mm.

Remarks.—Besides the paler colors, *Dryonastes perspicillatus shensiensis* has the feathers of the crown and cervix less strongly edged with hair brown; the middle tail feathers are wood brown while in *D. p. perspicillatus* they are mars brown. Shensi seems to be out of the given range of *D. p. perspicillatus* and in a different faunal area.

Among the birds from the type locality of the above described race there was a single specimen of *Nannus troglodytes idius* (Richmond), which extends the range of this bird considerably to the west.